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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

8 ROBERT JOSEPH LUMPKIN,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 DEPUTY SALT, *et al.*,

12 Defendants.

Case No. C18-330-RSM-JPD

ORDER STRIKING PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION TO COMPEL

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14 This is a civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This matter comes  
15 before the Court at the present time on plaintiff's motion to compel discovery. The Court,  
16 having considered plaintiff's motion, defendants' response thereto, and the balance of the record,  
17 hereby finds and ORDERS as follows:


18 (1) Plaintiff's motion to compel discovery (Dkt. 14) is STRICKEN. A review of  
19 plaintiff's submission makes clear that though he titled his document as a motion to compel  
20 discovery, the document constitutes merely a discovery request and discovery requests are not to  
21 be filed with the Court. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1). The Court notes as well that any attempt to  
22 compel discovery at this juncture is premature because plaintiff's discovery requests were  
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1 apparently mailed to defendants on May 15, 2018, the same day plaintiff submitted his motion to  
2 the Court for filing, and, thus, defendants' responses to the requests are not yet due. Plaintiff is  
3 advised to familiarize himself with the discovery rules before proceeding further with this aspect  
4 of his case. Any future discovery requests which are submitted to the Court will be returned to  
5 plaintiff.

6 (2) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to plaintiff, to counsel for  
7 defendants, and to the Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez.

8 DATED this 6th day of June, 2018.

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11 JAMES P. DONOHUE  
United States Magistrate Judge  
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